

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address May 6, 2016  
“Syrian Refugees”

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Hello this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess.

There has been a great deal of news around the Obama Administration’s vow to speed up and expand efforts to admit Syrian refugees into the United States.

This week I joined fellow Texan and chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, Congressman McCaul, in cosponsoring a bill that would add yet another focus to the refugee vetting process.

The *Social Media Screening For Terrorists Act* would require for the Department of Homeland Security to vet all public records, including Facebook, Twitter and other forms of social media, before admitting someone into the country.

All government agencies, as well as private industry, screen social media for any red flags prior to hiring employees. There is no reason why refugees looking to enter our country should not be subject to that same level of security.

I cannot stress enough the importance of knowing everything there is to know about those looking to enter our country. As we have seen with the tragedy in San Bernardino, once someone enters the United States, unfortunately, they have the ability to reach Americans throughout their daily lives—in our work places, schools and public transportation.

The truth is this Administration must stop gambling with the safety of Americans.

As always, I appreciate your comments and your questions on this issue or any other.

May God bless you and your family, and as the song says, God bless you Texas.